THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) and (b) No, Sir. The intention of NCR Board is rather to promote the growth of the existing 8 priority towns and counter-magnet towns, among others, by developing new townships along side them in an integrated manner. Accordingly, the new townships would have to be developed within the timeframe envisaged for accommodating the enhanced population targets assigned for the respective priority towns to other towns in the NCR Plan i.e. by 2001 A.D.

1938. [Transferred to 10th December, 1992.]

Delhi Rent Control Act

1939. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have considered the amendments proposed to be made in the Delhi Rent Control Act on the basis of Model Rent Control Law already presented before Parliament;

(b) if so, what are the details of the proposed amendments;

(c) by when a suitable legislation is likely to be brought before Parliament; and

(d) what are the names of States which have so far made or proposed to make amendments in their Rent Control Acts on the basis of Model Rent Control Law ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a)to (c) The Government is considering amendments to Delhi Rent Control Act on the basis of the Model Rent Control Act, but the details of the amendment are to be analised before brining the legislation before Parliament.

(d) Government have not received any confirmation from the State Governments regarding amendments to the relevant State Rent Control Acts on the line of Model Rent Control Legislation till date.

Enquiry Committee report on Fire in Vigyan Bhavan

1940. DR. NAUNIHAL SINGH : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the report of the enquiry instituted to find out the causes of the fire in Vigyan Bhawan has since been received;

(b) if so, what are the salient features of its findings; and

(c) if the answer to part (a) be in negative, what are the causes of delay ?

THE MINITER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) The report of the high-powered Committee set up by the Administrator Delhi to enquire into the fire in Vigyan Bhawan has since been received.

(b) The Delhi Administration has accepted electricity as the cause of fire in Vigyan Bhawan. The Committee was of the opinion that Delhi Fire Service was quite prompt in response to the fire and was effective in tackling the situation. The shortcomings and deficiencies have been identified and remedial action on the recommendations of the Committee have already been initiated.

(c) Does not arise in view of reply to part (a) above.

दिल्ली में अवैध रूप से बसी झुग्गी-झोंपड़ियां

1941. श्री शंकर दयाल सिंह : क्या शहरी विकास मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :—

(क) दिल्ली में अवैध रूप से बसी झुग्गी झोंपड़ियों की संख्या कितनी है और उनमें अनुमानतः कितने लोग रह रहे हैं; और

(ख) इन अवैध झुग्गी-झोंपड़ियों को हटाने/ध्वंस करने के लिए सरकार द्वारा क्या-क्या कदम उठाये जा रहे हैं ?

शहरी विकास मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एम० अरुणाचलम) : (क) दिल्ली नगर निगम ने सूचित किया है कि दिल्ली प्रशासन के खाद्य और आपूर्ति विभाग एवं स्लम विभाग द्वारा 1991 में किए गए संयुक्त सर्वेक्षण के अनुसार जनवरी, 1991 में दिल्ली में 929 झुग्गी-झौंपड़ी समूह थे जिनकी आबादी लगभग 13 लाख थी।

(ख) झुग्गी निवासियों को वैध करने के लिए कोई नीति नहीं है। तथापि, राष्ट्रीय राजधानी क्षेत्र सरकार, उन पात्र अनधिवासी परिवारों, जो भूमि स्वामित्व वाली एजेंसियों के तत्काल उपयोग के लिए अपेक्षित परियोजना स्थलों पर हैं, को निधियों और वैकल्पिक स्थलों की उपलब्धता की शर्त पर पुनः बसाने की योजना चलाती है।

Registration on sale of Immovable Properties in the National Capital

1942. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a total ban on the registration of immovable properties in the national capital for the last so many years;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether Government aware that despite the ban on registration, the sale and purchase of immovable properties is going unabated on "Power of Attorneys" in the capital;

(d) whether Government are also aware that the exchaequer is incurring heavy revenue losses on this account; and

(e) if so, what remedial action Government propose to take in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) and (b) There is no ban on the registration for transfer on immovable properties in Delhi provided all the formalities preseribed and requirements under various laws and regulations are complied with.

(c) and (d) The transfer of lease hold immovable properties in Delhi do take place in Delhi through Power of Attorneys, there-by depriving land owning agencies of revenue, stamp duty etc. on registered sale.

(e) : (i) Under the scheme of conversion of lease hold properties in Delhi into free hold announced by the govt., applications for conversion are entertained also from a person holding power of attorney from the lessee/sub-lessee and having proof of possession of the property in favour of the person in whose name conversion is sought.

(ii) A proposal to make Power of Attorney transfer compulsorily registrable is under examination.

Development of the National Capital

1943. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the total failure of National Capital Region plans, mushroom growth of hundreds of unauthorised colonies, unchecked grabbing of public land and increasing number of jhuggi-phonpri Clusters in Delhi/New Delhi have totally sabotaged the orderly development of the National Capital;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what remedial action government propose to take in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) and (b) The migrants population component in the Delhi UT population has been increasing phenomenally from 5.3 lacs in 1961—71 to 12.3 lacs in 1971—81 to about 20 lacs during 1981—91.

(c) In order to contain to population size of Delhi within manageable limits by 2001 A.D. and for the development of the region, the NCR Planning Board has formulated a Regional Plan 2001 for NCR which came into force w.e.f.